immunity as Secretary-General of the international Civil Aviation Organisation; if so, what follow-up action is being taken in this regard; and

(c) who are the other accused in both the cases and what progress has been made in the investigations so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir. Investigations into the two cases are currently in progress and no charge sheets have been filed as yet against the accused persons.

(b) In connection with the investigations into the HDW case, Dr. S. S. Sidhu has written to the CBI that, notwithstanding his diplomatic immunity, he is willing to clarify his position to the Investigating Agency.

(c) The names of the other accused persons in these cases are as per the annexed Statement. Further details cannot be disclosed at this stage, in the interest of the investigations.

Statement

A. The other accused persons named in the HDW case are:—

(1) Shri S. K. Bhatnagar, formerly Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.

(2) Capt. M. Kondath, formerly Director, Submarine Arm and OSD/SSK, Naval Hqrs., New Delhi.

(3) Shri B. S. Ramaswamy, Formerly Addl. Financial Advisor, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.

(4) Vice Admiral, M. R. Schunker, formerly Vice Chief of Naval Staff, Naval Hqrs., New Delhi.

(5) Shri Gophichand Hinduja C/O M/s. Sangam Ltd., New Zeland House, Hay Street, London.

(6) Concerned Directors and Employees including agents/representatives of M/s Ferrostaal, DEUTSCHE WERFT, West Germany.

(7) Concerned Directors and Employees including agents/representatives of M/s. ALLEGMEINE ELECTRICITATS GESELISCHAFT, West Germany.

(8) Concerned Directors and employees including agents/representatives of M/s Ferrostaal, West Germany and

(9) Concerned Directors and employees including agents/representatives of M/s Roger Entreprises Private Ltd., New Delhi.

B. The other accused persons named in the Airbus case are:—

(1) Capt. K. Chadha, formerly Managing, Director, Indian Airlines Corporation New Delhi.

(2) Shri R. Prasad, formerly Director (Planning)-cum-Economic Advisor to M.D., IA/Dy. Managing Director and Managing Director, Indian Airlines Corporation.

(3) Shri B. K. Bhasin, the formerly Dy. Managing Director, Indian Airlines Corporation.

(4) Concerned Directors/Partners/employees including agents/representatives of M/s Airbus Industries, Blagnac Credex, France.

(5) Concerned Directors/Partners employees including agents/representatives of M/s. International Aero Engines, 287 Main Street, East Hartford CT 06108 USA with registered office in Switzerland.

(6) Certain public servants of the Government of India.

(7) Certain persons who acted as agents/middlemen and certain persons other than middlemen and public servants.

Ban on smoking

776. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to ban smoking at public places and also in all the Government offices with a view to protect the passive smokers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a strong opposition to this move of Government for Chain-smoking Government officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The Government has issued orders on May 7, 1990 prohibiting smoking in a few selected places, namely, hospitals, dispensaries and other health care establishments, educational institutions, conference rooms, domestic air-flights, airconditioned chair cars, airconditioned sleeper coaches in trains, suburban trains and airconditioned buses The ban comes into effect after 30 days of the issue of the order.

(c) No, Sir.

Inadequate Staff in the KVS Regional Office at Silchar

777. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Regional Office of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Silchar is not properly staffed;

(b) if so, what are the details of the posts sanctioned in the Office;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the posts of Superintendent, Audit and Accounts Officer and Administrative Officer are lying vacant in the office for the last many years; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken/proposed to be taken by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Yes Sir Details indicating the position of the sanctioned posts and those lying vacant at Regional Office, Silchar, is presented in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(d) Action to fill up these posts has already been initiated.

Statement

Staff Position in the Regional Office Silchar

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Sanctioned	Date from which vacant
1.	Assistant Commissioner	1	
2.	Administrative Officer	1	1—December 1986
3.	Education Officer	3	
4.	Accounts-cum-Inspecting Officer	1	1—March, 1989
5.	Superintendent of Accounts	1	1- February 1989
6.	Superintendent (Admn.)	1	1—April. 1987
7.	Senior Librarian	1	
8.	Assistant	2 (Ad-hoc)	